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## Camden County awarded grant for Work Ready initiative



**ATLANTA-** Governor Sonny Perdue recently awarded Camden County \$35,000 in grant funding to go towards becoming a Certified Work Ready Community. The Certified Work Ready Community status is given to communities who encourage existing workers and the available workforce to earn Work Ready Certificates, show a strong commitment to improving public high school graduation rates and build community involvement for meeting these goals.

“I would like to thank Governor Perdue for approving this funding request for my district so that Camden can participate in this initiative,” said state Senator Jeff Chapman (R-Brunswick). “I look forward to seeing the new opportunities that will be provided to those who work in the Camden County community.”

Georgia’s Work Ready initiative is based upon a skills assessment and certification for job seekers and a job profiling system for businesses. By identifying both the needs of business and the available skills of Georgia’s workforce, the state can more effectively generate the right talent for the right jobs. Since January 2007, more than 16,500 Georgians have earned Work Ready Certificates. Additionally, 20 companies have hired 965 Work Ready Certified Georgians over the past 12 to 18 months.

For more information on the Work Ready initiative please visit the web site at [www.gaworkready.org](http://www.gaworkready.org).

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